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15 May 1959

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DTR Staff Meeting

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1. 15 May weekly staff meeting began with Mr. Baird telling [ ] to give us a run-down on the Project Review Committee meeting of the preceding day. [ ] said not much was accomplished concerning the Master Plan for [ ]. Bob Amory had taken the position that the funds required to build up [ ] could better be spent for a photographic intelligence activity under his supervision. 25X1

2. Colonel Baird made it very clear to the group that in budget hearings within CIA, you have no friends and to get the money he needed, his subordinates are to present detailed defenses of the activities for which OTR is requesting funds.

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3. As an aside, Mr. Baird also said that it is his understanding the FE position is not to keep the [ ] base open.

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4. Mr. Baird then told us about the DD/P meeting. Mr. Bissell has had a meeting of Chiefs of Station [ ]. The subject of discussion was the Iraq situation. The situation there is very bad and going to get worse. Complete Iron Curtain tactics are being employed. [ ]

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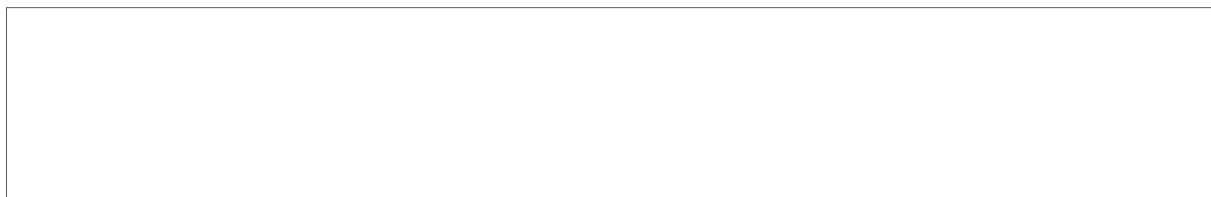
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7. Mr. Baird instructed SIC to look into a proposed new State Department Office of Central Research on International Communism.

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8. He also told us about a girl GS-9 from the Far East Division who went to Hong Kong on leave, returning home traveling as a tourist. The young lady bought some rubles in Hong Kong, took them illegally into [redacted] and then was unfortunately arrested and put in jail. The ~~jewels~~ were found to be counterfeit.

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9. Mr. Baird spoke about the CPA. He believes the Reserve Officer training scheduled for July [redacted] should be eliminated.

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10. He mentioned a memorandum written by [redacted] on [redacted] PPS should see this.

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11. [redacted] was told to make arrangements for a JOT recently returned from overseas, [redacted], to visit [redacted] to talk to the present JOT class. Mr. Baird would like this procedure made standard operating procedure for all returning JOT's.

12. Mr. Baird objected to the bureaucratic process of memorandum-writing within Schools of OTR. He wants most things handled verbally and by telephone.

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13. Mr. Baird issued instructions to LAS and R/TR to call a meeting of the Language Development Committee to discuss changes in our procedures contained in the two PPS papers, one on the State language development program and the other commenting on IG criticisms of our language activities. (NOTE: Check this to be sure Colonel Baird wants both papers considered at this time.) The members of the Language Development Committee are Mr. [redacted] DD/I Training Officer; [redacted] DD/S; [redacted], Office of Personnel; [redacted] LAS; [redacted], DD/P; and [redacted] is having papers concerning the State language incentive program reproduced to be [redacted] to the Language Development Committee members prior to their meeting. Mr. Baird made the remark that one of the problems of his Language and Area School was that they did not keep him informed of their problems

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ahead of time and stated that reports that a meeting  
everything was fine